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SUBJ: DEFACEMENT OF CONSULATE GENERAL IN CONNECTION WITH
ANNIVERSARY OF CHILEAN COUP D'ETAT

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THE CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING HAS BEEN DEFACED BY POSTERS AND
PAINT ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS. BOTH ACTIONS WERE TIED IN WITH
THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT IN CHILE.

1. POSTER DEFACEMENT:

CONSULAR PERSONNEL DISCOVERED EIGHT POSTERS AFFIXED TO OUTSIDE
OF CONSULATE GENERAL'S MAIN ENTRANCE, THE ADJACENT WINDOW, AND
MARBLE WALL FACING STREET.
DISCOVERED APPROXIMATELY 1000, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

(A) NO ADVANCE INFORMATION.

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(B) LOCAL POLICE NOTIFIED AT OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. INVESTIGATION BEGUN IMMEDIATELY.

(C) POLICE AND PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY REQUESTED TO STEP UP FREQUENCY OF PATROLS, PARTICULARLY DURING NON-DUTY HOURS.

(D) PERPETRATOR(S) UNKNOWN. HOWEVER, AS POSTERS ADVERTISED SEPTEMBER 9-11 COUNTRY-WIDE "CHILE WEEK", ACTION MUST BE CONSIDERED POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. ALSO, EACH POSTER HAD THE NOTATION THAT THEY WERE PREPARED BY THE "KOMMUNISTISCHER BUND WESTDEUTSCHLAND, STAENDIGER AUSSCHUSS DES ZENTRAKKOMMITTEES, BREMEN, SANHOFER STRASSE 29".

(E) THE THREE POSTERS ON THE GLASS ENTRANCE DOOR AND WINDOW WERE REMOVED BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL THAT SATURDAY MORNING. THE FIVE REMAINING WERE REMOVED FROM MARBLE WALL MONDAY MORNING BY LOCAL CLEANING AGENCY. EXPECTED BILL FROM THE CLEANING COMPANY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CITY GOVERNMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

(F) LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

(G) LOCAL AUTHORITIES FULLY COOPERATIVE.
2. DEFAACEMENT BY PAINT:

AT OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 18
CONSULATE EMPLOYEES DISCOVERED THAT CONSULATE'S U.S. SEAL ON STREET-SIDE MARBLE WALL OF CONSULATE PAINTED OVER IN RED AND THE LETTERS "CIA" PAINTED IN RED BENEATH. LETTERED PAINTING IN WHITE PARALLEL READ "CHILE SI* JUNTA NO*"
SHORTLY THEREAFTER, PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY TELEPHONED CONSULATE TO REPORT THEY HAD DISCOVERED SAME DURING 0600 CHECK, AND ESTIMATED TIME OF ACT BETWEEN 0430 AND 0600.

(A) NO ADVANCE INFORMATION.

(B) LOCAL POLICE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AND INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

(C) POLICE AND LOCAL SECURITY AGENCY WILLING TO INCREASE PATROL FREQUENCY.

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(D) VANDAL(S) UNKNOWN, BUT ACT MUST BE CONSIDERED RELATED TO RECENT POLITICAL INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF COUP D'ETAT IN CHILE AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED U.S. INVOLVEMENT.

(E) CONSULAR PERSONNEL REMOVED PAINT FROM SEAL AND ENOUGH OF THE LETTERING TO MAKE IT ILLEGIBLE. LOCAL CLEANING AGENCY HAS BEEN CONTACTED TO COMPLETE JOB. ESTIMATED COST MINIMAL.

(F) AS STATED, POLICE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AND LETTER TO
LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE SENT. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLEANING WILL
BE SUBMITTED TO CITY GOVERNMENT.

(G) LOCAL AUTHORITIES FULLY COOPERATIVE.

3. COMMENT: IN BOTH CASES WE HAVE OBSERVED AND BEEN INFORMED
THAT OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUFFERED SIMILAR ACTS DURING THE
SAME PERIOD. USENIK

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